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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Before taking up the above-identified application for examination, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 4, 28, and 29 listed in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Amended Claims for the previously pending version of these claims. Specific amendments to these claims are detailed in the following marked up versions:

Marked Up Version of Amended Claims

4. (Amended) The system of Claim 3 further [comprises] comprising means for identifying a quotation which is candidate for being associated with a citation in the textual document, and means for verifying a source document for each candidate quotation in the textual document to generate verified quotation information.

28. (Amended) The method of Claim 17, wherein said formatted text identification comprises parsing the textual document into one or more paragraphs, identifying, for each paragraph, one or more [synbols] symbols which indicate the presence of a quotation in the sentence, and determining, based on the identified symbols, quotations within the textual document.